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For: IMPROVED PAINTING BOOTH,
PREFERABLY OF THE ELECTROSTATIC
PAINTING TYPE

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, after the title:

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CROSS-REFERENCE RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation application of 10/257,138, filed October 9, 2002; which is national stage of PCT/EP01/04358, filed April 17, 2001; which claims priority from Italian application MI2000A000909, filed April 21, 2000.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5-13:

5. (Amended) The painting booth according to claim 2, characterized in that said coupling means comprise two ribbon-like belts, which are arranged on said rollers and are mutually spaced along the extension of the axes of the rollers.

6. (Amended) The painting booth according to claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one brush, which is operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and is suitable to brush the internal surface of said movable wall.

7. (Amended) The painting booth according to claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one suction device, which is associated with a corresponding movable wall and has a suction section which is suitable to aspirate the painting powder deposited on the internal surface of said wall.

8. (Amended) The painting booth according to claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one blade, which is operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and is suitable to scrape its internal surface.

9. (Amended) The painting booth, according to claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one brush and at least one suction device, which has a suction section, said brush and said suction device being operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and being respectively suitable to brush the internal surface of said wall and to aspirate therefrom the painting powder deposited thereon.

10. (Amended) The painting booth according to claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one blade and at least one suction device which has a suction section, said blade and said suction device being operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and being respectively suitable to skim the internal surface of said wall and to aspirate therefrom the painting powder deposited thereon.

11. (Amended) The painting booth according to claim 6, characterized in that said brush and/or said suction device are arranged at said first roller, said brush and/or the suction section of the suction device being arranged substantially along the entire depth of the movable wall with which they are associated.

12. (Amended) The painting booth according to claim 7, characterized in that said blade and/or said suction device are arranged at said first roller, said blade and/or the suction section of the suction device being arranged substantially along the entire depth of the movable wall with which they are associated.

13. (Amended) The painting booth according to claim 2, characterized in that said actuation means comprise at least one motor, which is operatively associated with one of said rollers.

Please add claims 16-20:

16. (Added) The painting booth according to claim 3, characterized in that said coupling means comprise two ribbon-like belts, which are arranged on said rollers and are mutually spaced along the extension of the axes of the rollers.

17. (Added) The painting booth according to claim 4, characterized in that said coupling means comprise two ribbon-like belts, which are arranged on said rollers and are mutually spaced along the extension of the axes of the rollers.

18. (Added) The painting booth according to claim 2, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one brush, which is operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and is suitable to brush the internal surface of said movable wall.

19. (Added) The painting booth according to claim 3, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one brush, which is operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and is suitable to brush the internal surface of said movable wall.

20. (Added) The painting booth according to claim 4, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one brush, which is operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and is suitable to brush the internal surface of said movable wall.

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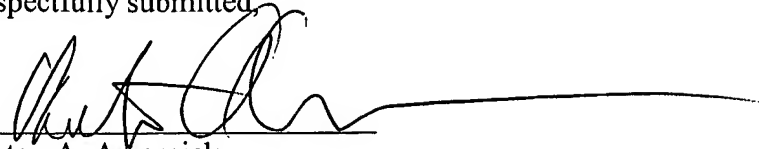
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MARKED-UP VERSION

5. (Amended) The painting booth according to [one or more of claims 2 to 4]claim 2, characterized in that said coupling means comprise two ribbon-like belts, which are arranged on said rollers and are mutually spaced along the extension of the axes of the rollers.

6. (Amended) The painting booth according to [one or more of the preceding claims]claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one brush, which is operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and is suitable to brush the internal surface of said movable wall.

7. (Amended) The painting booth according to [one or more of claims 1 to 5]claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one suction device, which is associated with a corresponding movable wall and has a suction section which is suitable to aspirate the painting powder deposited on the internal surface of said wall.

8. (Amended) The painting booth according to [one or more of claims 1 to 5]claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one blade, which is operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and is suitable to scrape its internal surface.

9. (Amended) The painting booth, according to [one or more of claims 1 to 5]claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one brush and at least one suction device, which has a suction section, said brush and said suction device being operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and being respectively suitable to brush the internal surface of said wall and to aspirate therefrom the painting powder deposited thereon.

10. (Amended) The painting booth according to [one or more of claims 1 to 5]claim 1, characterized in that said removal means comprise at least one blade and at least one suction device which has a suction section, said blade and said suction device being operatively associated with a corresponding movable wall and being respectively suitable to skim the internal surface of said wall and to aspirate therefrom the painting powder deposited thereon.

11. (Amended) The painting booth according to [claims 6 and 7]claim 6, characterized in that said brush and/or said suction device are arranged at said first roller, said brush and/or the suction section of the suction device being arranged substantially along the entire depth of the movable wall with which they are associated.

12. (Amended) The painting booth according to [claims 7 and 8]claim 7, characterized in that said blade and/or said suction device are arranged at said first roller, said blade and/or the suction section of the suction device being arranged substantially along the entire depth of the movable wall with which they are associated.

13. (Amended) The painting booth according to [one or more of claims 2 to 12]claim 2, characterized in that said actuation means comprise at least one motor, which is operatively associated with one of said rollers.